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Sustainability
Office

Orientation for New TRU Staff & Faculty Winter 2022

Presented by James Gordon (Manager of Sustainability Programs) and
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**What does
sustainability mean to
you?**

This is how students answered this question during Fall orientations in 2021...

1 st Level	2 nd Level
Health	Life
Responsibility	Green
Balance	Lasting
Future	Nature
Environment	Recycle

Here are a few things we're up to,
and most of them you could get
involved with... 😊

Please jot down anything that catches your attention, and we'll talk about them at the end.

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**CAMPUS
STRATEGIC
SUSTAINABILITY
PLAN 2020–2025**

December 2019



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Campus Strategic
Sustainability Plan
2020-2025

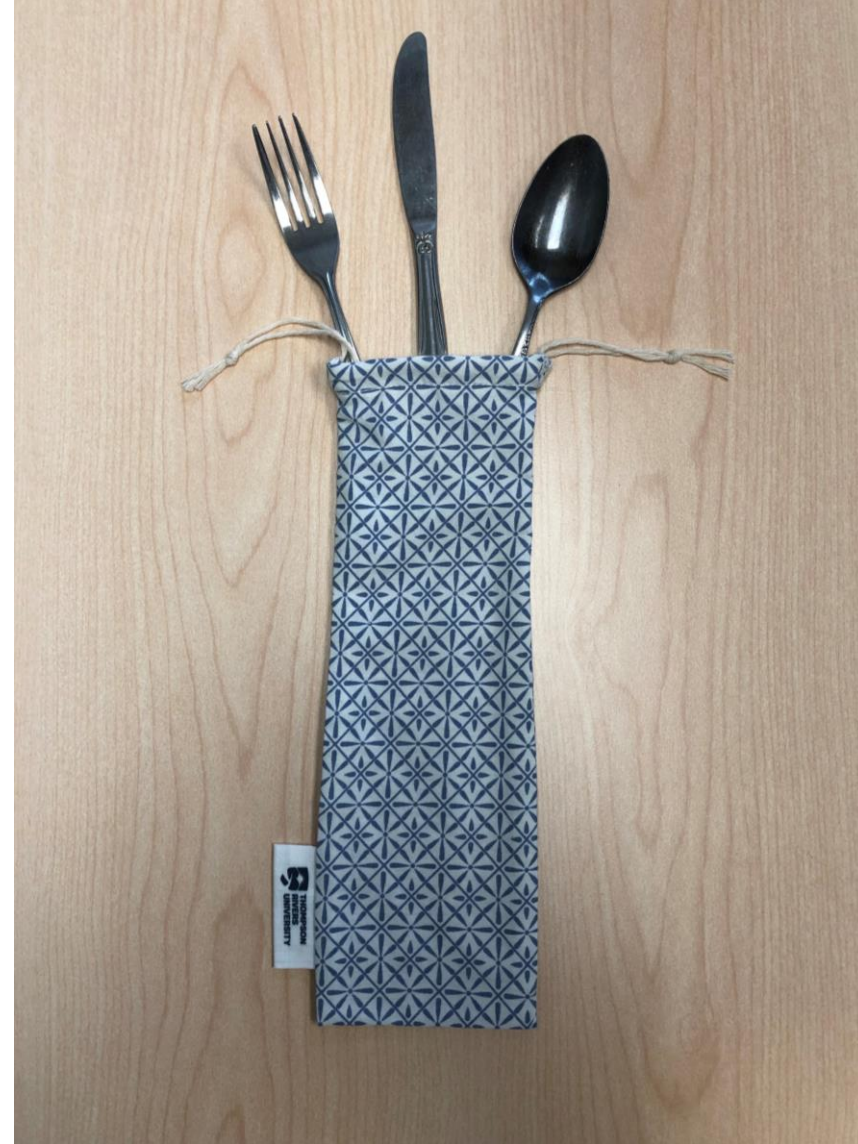


Fill It Forward

Water Bottle Refill Program



Reusable Cutlery Program



STARS
Sustainability Report

TRU has Platinum
rating



Zero-Waste Program



Trying to build the
“best” bicycle
commuting incentive
program of any Canadian
university

Take the survey!



Car Share

“Free” Vehicles for
TRU Business Trips



Ride Share

Car pooling

(not so popular during
COVID)



TRU Campus Tree Program

Plant.
Care.
Preserve.



Trash Bash

Campus Community
Clean-Up May 2022



Food Waste Initiative Pilot



Dog Waste Compost Pilot



Cigarette Butt Recycling Pilot



Pocket Ashtrays Pilot





Public Policy Advocacy for Sustainability



Casual Shirt Days

Summer 2022



Reusable Food Container Pilot





Office Paper Recycling Pilot



Paper Towel Composting Pilot





Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee

With 5
Subcommittees...

Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee

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The ESAC supports the following TRU initiatives and offices:

[The Leadership in Environmental Sustainability Certificate](#)

[Sustainability Grant Fund](#)

[Energy Revolving Fund](#)

[TRU Sustainability Office](#)

[Tom Owen Environmental Sustainability Award](#)

[TRU Eco Club](#)

[Enactus](#)

[TRU Environmental Law Club](#)

ESAC Meeting Schedule for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

Meetings are from 12:00 to 1:30 pm the first Wednesday of each month

- Due to Covid, meetings are held virtually via MS Teams
- If you would like to attend a meeting, please ask James Gordon (jgordon@tru.ca)

Awards Subcommittee



Zero Waste
Subcommittee

**REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE**





Sustainability in the Curriculum Subcommittee





Bio-Diversity Subcommittee



Sustainable Purchasing Subcommittee



Indigenous Purchasing Framework Pilot

Indigenization at TRU

Good work takes time, and at TRU, indigenizing initiatives are wide-ranging and ongoing. Here are some examples:



A partnership with Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc



Material from the Secwepemc Cultural Education Society



Indigenous Awareness Week activities



Estil, Secwepemctsin for 'stop', is stopping traffic



Ch'nook Scholars program for business students



School of Nursing Bearing Witness program



5-Year Zero Waste Plan

Launching March
2022





Sustainable Slogan Sticker Contest

Your favorite
sustainability
slogan is...?

Reusable Corks Board Pilot





Energy Dance

Feb 11, 2022



TRU Sustainability Research Grant for Students (2021-2022)

What is the award for?

The purpose of this award is to encourage interdisciplinary research and expand knowledge of sustainability and sustainable development and practices, defined in terms of TRU's four pillars of sustainability: environmental, social, economic and cultural.

There will be two awards during the 2021-2022 school year each of \$5,000.

Do I qualify to apply?

In order to be considered for a Sustainability Award, you must;

- Be a full-time student at TRU enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate program;
- Have completed a minimum of 60 credits of undergraduate study at the time of application;
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Students who do not meet the GPA requirement may apply but must include an explanation of the circumstances leading to a lower GPA;
- Have a faculty member who is willing to mentor you and guide your project; and
- Have not previously received a Sustainability Award.

How do I get started?

If you are interested in applying, first speak with a faculty mentor. You will need a faculty member to agree to be your Faculty Mentor to supervise and guide your application and project.

Applications are adjudicated by an internal committee who will advise applicants and their mentors of the results within one month of the application deadline. The Office of Research and Graduate Studies will contact successful applicants with further details on the award.

What do I need to do to apply?

The application includes:

- Research project: An outline of the short term and long-term goals of the project (max one page)
- Project description, including justification for the research, methodology, anticipated outcomes, plans for knowledge dissemination. (max two pages)
- Proposed Budget & Timeline (max one page)

The application must be supported by:

- Letter of Support from a faculty mentor who has agreed to supervise the project
- Unofficial Transcript(s)

Faculty Sustainability Research Grants

\$5000 x 4 grants

March 31 deadline

TRU Sustainability Volunteer Program



Films For
Change —
Community
Film Series



**All-TRU
Sustainability
Educators
Program**



Staff & Faculty Sustainability Ambassadors Program

Relaunching
Feb 2022!



But wait!
There's more!

General sustainability tips...



Spend time
outside in
nature!



Commute to
campus with
alternative and
active
transportation

Meatless Mondays



Consider plant-based food options



Print only when
needed and always
double-sided

COMPOST

Food and compostable
paper/boxboard

NO METAL, PLASTIC OR GLASS

All meat, bones and cheese



Fruit, vegetables and baked goods, including paper liners



Coffee filters and tea bags



Food-soiled paper and boxboard



Used tissue and paper towel



Wood or bamboo cutlery and chopsticks

Compost all
food and
compostable
paper products

Re Covid-19 :

“Be Kind. Be Calm. Be Safe.”

-Dr. Bonnie Henry

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